

Dear Jim,

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Glad you have your own law firm. Hope it prospers and that you are happy in it.

Gaudet's statement that he did not phone the FBI to report that Jack Ruby had bought that painting (from Harry Borenstein) at first seemed like a shock and then I thought I'd heard this before. That nothing was done is a shock because it was a clear effort to mislead the investigation.

Don't you remember the evening we spent with Harry and his <sup>friends</sup> ~~friends~~ in his Vaucresson Creole Cafe? So you should remember part of what then interested me.

Glad to have this. Many thanks.

You ask about my health. In September I had an artificial artery placed in my left thigh. That operation was quite successful but the day I left the hospital I had to return for further surgery because blood clots broke loose and lodged in the lower leg and foot. The second operation cleaned all this junk out as far as the ankle but from there down it could not be reached. So I'm sweating much out, with very little circulation in the left foot, hoping that nature and medication will bring some improvement about. I can't do much physical work, can't walk very much at one time, and sleep less than I'd like.

I've not been able to publish anything more. I have kept after getting records under FOIA, by and large with success. Now I want to find time to make use of all these records, close to 60 file cabinets of them now.

If you ever talk to Gaudet I'd like to know if the FBI ever spoke to him about someone else phoning it in his name or if he ever reported it and if so with what, if any, reactions or results.

There is much that Gaudet omitted from his article.

Thanks and best wishes,